

Newmarket Conservation Areas

Descriptions and Directions

(directions start from the Town Hall)

Wiggin Farm Conservation Area

A 160-acre town-owned conservation land purchased in 2004 with funds from the Town, LCHIP, NH DES, Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership, and Lamprey River Advisory Committee to protect the area's significant natural resources within Tuttle Swamp. The 1.5-mile trail leaves from the parking lot, passes over a wetland, and winds around the large field with a spur back to the wetland. No bikes, horses, all-terrain vehicles, and camping. Snowmobiles allowed *only* on the designated central corridor trail (not in the fields or off trail). At the top of the field, a gate marks a snowmobile trail corridor that extends onto the Hilton Tree Farm, across Grant Road. This trail through the Hilton property is open to the public for walking. The Town holds a conservation easement on Hilton Tree Farm.

Directions: West on Rt. 152 0.6 miles, then left on Grant Road 3.0 miles. The parking lot is on the right just before Doe Farm Road.

Tuttle Swamp Conservation Area (north end)

The Town has a small parking lot at the north end of Tuttle Swamp along Rt. 152 near Ash Swamp Road. This 58-acre conservation area currently has no walking trail as the site is very wet.

Directions: West on Rt. 152 3.1 miles. Parking area is on the left.

Piscassic River-Loiselle Conservation Area

A 45-acre town-owned conservation area purchased in 2004 with funds from the Town, LCHIP, and NH DES to protect the property's significant resources, especially 1,900 feet along the Piscassic River. A trail is not yet developed at this site, although the parking lot is installed and the property is open to walking. No camping, bikes, motorized vehicles.

Directions: West on Rt. 152 approximately 1.0 mile. The driveway to parking area is on the right between the first and second house after Rt. 152 crosses the Piscassic River.

Sliding Rock Conservation Area (Piscassic Street Boat Launch)

A 2.5-acre park that borders the Piscassic River and includes a public boat launch and short trail.

Directions: Right onto Beech Street Extension 0.3 to the stop sign. Cross Elm Street and continue on Beech Street 0.2 miles then turn right on Salmon St. Follow for 0.3 miles then turn right on Piscassic Street. Follow until you arrive at the boat launch.

Riverbend Conservation Area

Two small "pocket parks" (1-acre and 2.5-acres) along the Piscassic River in the Riverbend subdivision.

Directions: West onto Rt. 152 and almost immediately another right onto Packers Falls Road. Go 0.4 miles, take left on Riverbend Road. The 1-acre park is 0.2 miles on the right. The 2.5-acre park is 0.4 miles on the right.

Follet's Brook (Trotter Park)

A 1.25-acre pocket park on Mastin Drive.

Directions: West onto Rt. 152 and almost immediately another right onto Packers Falls Road. Go 1.2 miles; turn left on Mastin Drive just after crossing the Piscassic River. Cross Follet's Brook and park is immediately on the left.

Heron Point Sanctuary

A 32-acre town-owned conservation area preserved as a wildlife sanctuary that overlooks the tidal portion of the Lamprey River and downtown Newmarket. Trail map available. Foot traffic only. No camping, hunting, or trapping.

Directions: Follow Rt. 108 north through downtown Newmarket. After crossing the Lamprey River turn right onto Bay Road. Follow Bay Road 0.2 miles, turn right onto Meadow Street. The entrance to Heron Point is 0.2 miles on the right. Follow the dirt road to the parking area.

Schanda Park

A small pocket park in downtown Newmarket adjacent to the town boat launch on the Lamprey River. The park is named in recognition of Richard Schanda, a lifelong Newmarket resident, outdoorsman, and outdoor writing, who passed away in 2004.

Directions: Take Route 152 into town, left (north) on Route 108, and then almost immediate right on Water Street. Parking is on the right at the bottom of the hill.